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Waiver of Diazepam Protocol and Authorization to Use a Substitute

I, Catherine R. Eden, Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services, on this 29th day of March, 2002, in accordance with provisions of Arizona Revised Statute ("A.R.S.") § 36-2202(D), do affix my signature to this directive waiving the protocol established under A.R.S. § 36-2205 for the administration of diazepam by advanced life support ("ALS") emergency medical service personnel. Due to the limited supply and difficulty of obtaining diazepam on a consistent basis, I authorize ALS emergency medical service personnel, under the direction of on-line medical control, to use midazolam (Versed) in place of diazepam. However, midazolam may only be used in the event that diazepam is unavailable. The waiver of the diazepam protocol and the substitution of midazolam is for an indefinite duration.

Catherine R. Eden

Director